



Late in 1989, well before the "smut glut", Michael Dowers of Starhead Comix asked me to do an "adult Comic". It seemed like a surefire way to make a little money (for a change!) in the alternative Comix field. With a full-time job, progress was very slow and piecemeal, but I was determined to create the best crotic comic I could possibly imagine: as many sexual situations as could plausibly fit into a storyline; a storyline that was humorous, entertaining, and with something to say about people's fantasics and sexuality. Above all, a story involving perfectly ordinary people because, life itself is "x-rated". (At least for most of usi) Now (May,1991) it is finally finished. Dozens of hastily-created sex comics have swamped the market (most likely swamping any chances Michael and I have of turning much of a profit on this book) but there is still nothing at all like "Artistic Licentiousness". There also are no other crotic comics by women that I know of. I find it puzzling. Perhaps this raises questions about fundamental differences in female and male sexuality. Maybe once more I'm cursed to be "the first". At any rate, when I overlook all the klutzy panels I'd like to redraw, I am rather proud of this. If response to this book is favorable, I'd love to continue this story in future issues. Any feedback or insights may be directed to: Roberta Gregory, P.O. Box 27438, Seattle, WA 98125. Don"t miss my new series from Fantagraphics, Naughty Bits.

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There's Jennifer ... she spent the night with Mitch AGAIN! I can't BELIEVE It ... the goy's an absolute JERK and he's always got one girl after ANOTHER!



Wonder if she knows he's still seeing the wife he's been "separated" from for the last year... and then the way he TALKS about her ... I'd NEVER treat her that way....

.. wonder how OLD she is ...?

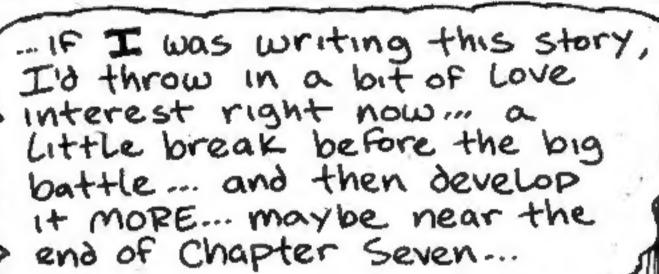


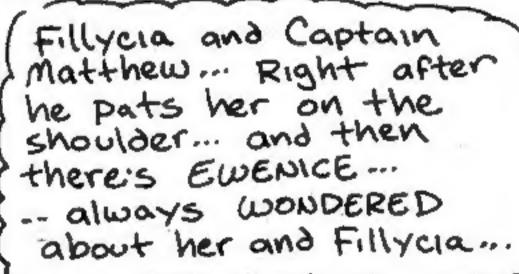
Guess women PREFER slick-talking macho assholes who treat em like shit ...

> It's a game they know how to play ALONG with ...



Wish Mike would stop complaining about the way I've been drawing fillycia... SHIT .. I've been FOLLOWING his sketches...









CAPTAIN MATTHEW-

I HAVE

COMPLETE

FAITH IN THE

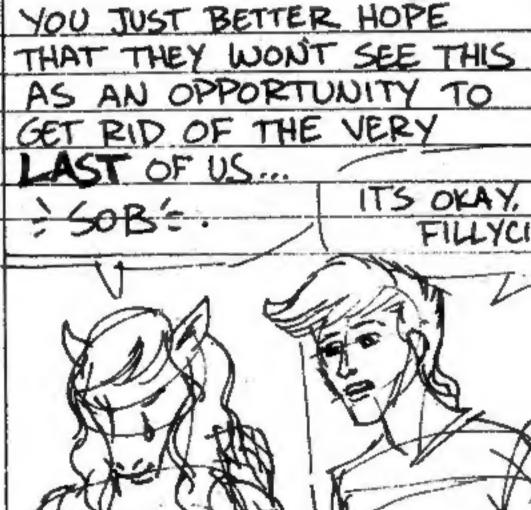
DO YOU REALLY

MAKE IT PAST

THUK WELL

THE SKOK

FILLYCIA --- I AFTER WHAT WAS ORDERED THEY DID TO MY PEOPLE ... TO ... I WISH YOU COULD I JUST DOUT GRASP THAT UNDERSTAND CONCEPT ... MHY YOU'D HIRE THEM ...



















Guess this IS kind of a dumb strip... It sounded like it was going to be a Much better story than THIS... an' I guess this art IS pretty sexist... I ought to REALLY impress the ladies with THIS... the ladies with THIS... .. maybe you could say I was... IDEALIZING the Numan Form...



"THAT'S sort of an artistic tradition...
"YEAH, SURE ... LIKE this stuff's really ART...
This book's ALREADY losing money and it's only up to issue four...
"and then that shifty REVIEW ... hell, I can't draw Full-time...
Whadda they EXPECT?



I wish I could Quit this stupid Job. but I wouldn't survive a MONTH on what I'm getting from THIS...

Shit. I should be out EXERCISING or something instead of spending every, waking moment SITTING!

IF only I.d taken after DAD'S Side of the family...



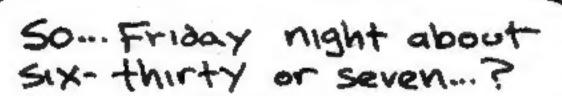
I KNEW it... I'M just
STARTING to loosen up and
Now I have to leave for
Work in an hour...
... If I'd been SERIOUSLY
working instead of
JERKING OFF ...

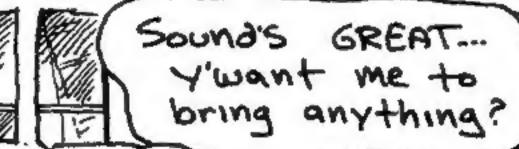
SHIT, what a LIFE ... workdraw-sleep... work-draw-sleep...



Hey, this is REALLY Starting to look GOOD ...









There's got to be some unknown law of Physics that makes Lunch hour seem so much shorter than regular ones.

> Almost as short as the hour between the time the alarm goes off and the time you finally crawl out of bed ...



CHECK OUT HER SALES FIGURE ...

I'd say.



Jeez, men sure can be CREEPS, huh?

> TELL me about it ... all they care about is what a woman Looks like... an' if she'll let them screw her...

I DID IT! I DID IT ... I invited her over! Now I've got to Fix something REAL special for dinner... we BOTH Like chicken... we BOTH LIKE chocolate ... we BOTH LIKE Classical music ... so MUCH in common already!

It's a good sign - I've only been in town five months and good women are 50 hard to Find ... especially after having been out of the running for so long ... Guess It's something You never forget ...









.. and the store just HAPPENED to have a sale on chicken ... JUST WAITING for me ...

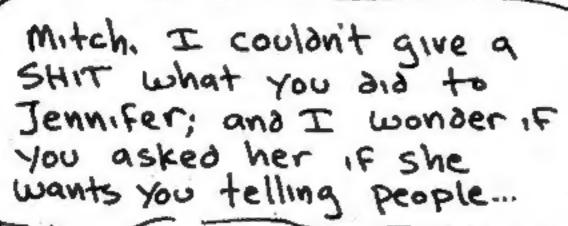


HI. Kevin ... guess what I got Jennifer to 20 last night ...



MEN! God, they're SLIME! I can only IMAGINE what Bill's been telling everyone about ME! FUCKING SLOBS! who NEEDS Em, anyway?





Excuse ME. mister sensitive- guy- all-of-a-sudden ...



These are the NINETIES, Mitch... Male Chauvinist Pigs are supposed to be EXTINCT ...

"MALE CHAUVINIST PIGS" God. Kevin. get REAL!





What's SHE got to do with this?

WHOA! Didn't mean to insult your GIRLFRIEND!



for a guy who's always pangin, a nem pimpo every few months, you SURE HATE WOMEN ... Maybe you're just tryin' to convince yourself you ...

> Bangin' a Bimbo ... GOOD one. Kevin!

IF Jennifer has half a brain in 1 her head. she'd see what a CREEP you are ... I Eat your heart

FUCKING ASSHOLE

She did ONCE, but I fucked 'em outa her!

out. you fat creep... she's more than You'LL ever get!





I cut that recipe out of the paper a couple of weeks ago ... hope I didn't accidentally TOSS 1+ ... oh-



That Mitch Sure can be a Jerk-"No ...

Think it's ever going to rain-?

I KNOW a Place you can write to to get off the jonk Mail lists.



Dessert ... make something? CAKE ... awful lot of work -. ICE CREAM - yeah .. Some of that fresh Fruit Stuff...





I have a NEW life ahead of me with Tish ... No MORE



An hour and a half of pure EXORCISM ... and I can STILL manage maybe three hours of sleep... guess I ought to BURN this to make the purge complete ...

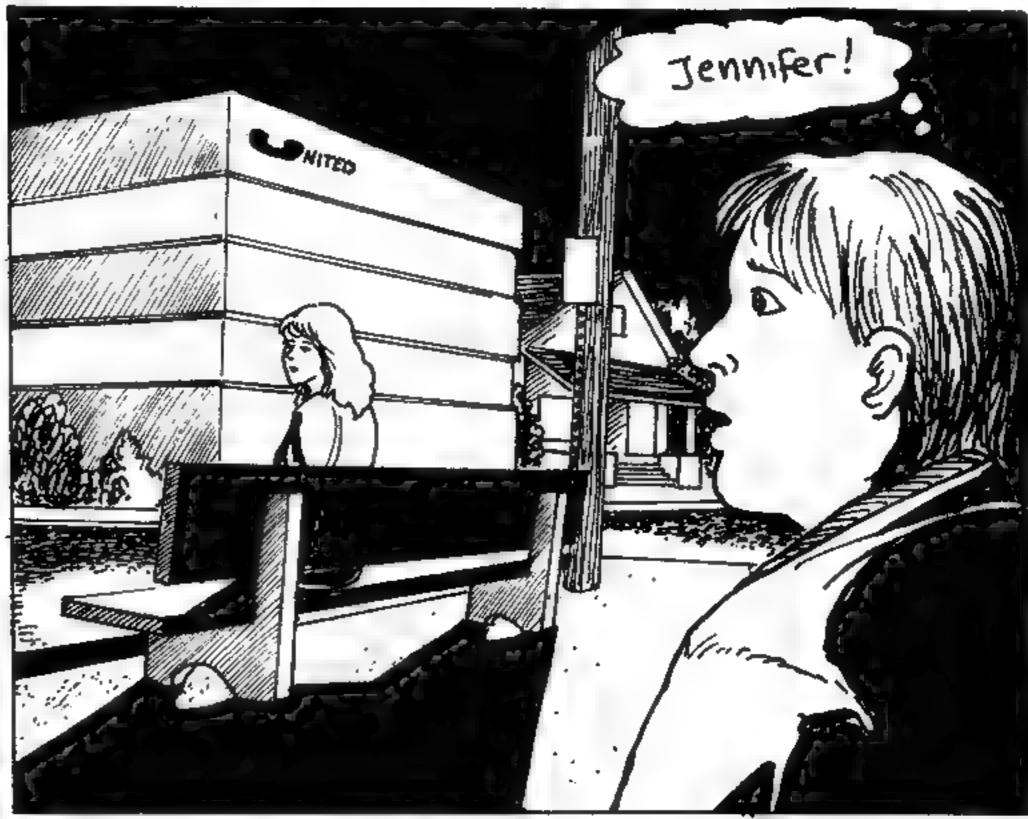






Time for another sugar-and-caffeine run...
looks like it's going to be another LATE
one tonight ... especially if Denise stays
up TYPING half the night like last night ...









Oh - KEVIN - SORRY ... I ... uh ..

Uhhh ... It's okay - I ... uhh ... Just wanted to tell you I saw the bus go by a Few minutes ago - there won't be another one +1 ... who Twenty after ... and that's the ...uh ... CAST one tonight ...













I don't have a lot of time. YOU SOULD that was the last 1005 ...

The 12:20 ... YEAH ... uh... unless you .. um ... want to spend the ---uh -- Might ...

Yeah, RIGHT ... IN THIS hellhole ...

That's okay... I have to feed my cat ...



here's my NUMBER ... Uh---Can I have YOURS?

uh... 9012 ...

Almost gave him Kathy's number... wouldn't she SHIT if THIS guy called ...

Uh ... at LEAST let me sit at the bench with you till the Bus comes !..

SHIT, NO... Can't let MITCH see me with this guy... HE'D KNOW ...

NO, Kevir ...

Shit, did I SAY Something WRONG? Women Sure do get WEIRD ...

Better not be too Pushy, I guess ...

Description of the last

UM .. OKAY ..

No need for me to ever come to this neighborhood again .. Jou't know WHOSE MUMBER I gave him ... Maybe a nice, lonely Nerd girl-- YEAH. like the universe works that way ...









Maybe she--FEELS Something ... wonder if she likes Italian food. Or, there's that Chinese Place over on 48th ... It's CHEAPER ..

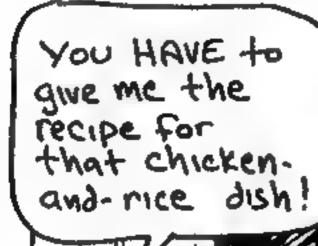
Maybe Mitch is RIGHT ... I AM a bitch... Maybe I WILL fuck ANYBODY ... EVEN THIS POOR guy.... Maybe... DADDY was right ..







Chapter Five



I.ll make you a photocopy.!.

I knew she'd

This fresh raspberry
lce cream is to DIE For...
I LOVE raspberries!

I knew that, too -- It's like we already knew everything about each other!



She went to a LOT more work than I ever would to make that meal...

And, this ice cream

Is NOT cheap...

how people can seem to be DESTINED For each other!



Guess she's sincere-maybe ?

1+s time to stop Playing

hard-to-get! It's been so LONG

since me and Molly broke up.



Great... I'm
in the mood
For a comedy
Laughter is
supposed to
be very

And she sat down RIGHT next to me on the sofa instead of on that chair!



I wonder if she's going to?
Make a move...
She invited
ME over...

I'm... SURE...

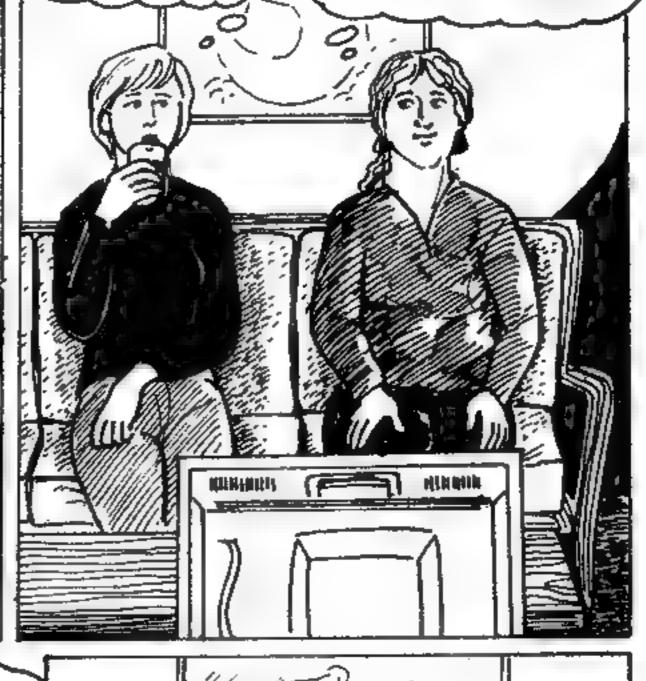
She's waiting

for me... you

could cut this

atmosphere

with a KNIFE ...



Moved the arm
so it's not across
me... a more OPEN
body language...
Turn Towards
wer a bit...

Last time I crossed my legs
I inched a bit closer and she didn't back off
So I'm not invading her personal space...

OH. COME ON...

We BOTH want it!

I'll reach over...

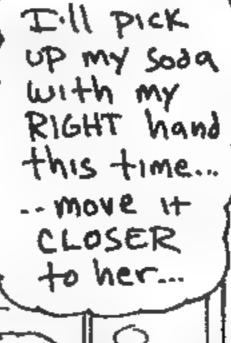
Slip My arm

around Ner... I'll...

I'll... Maybe not

now... in a few

minutes... no... Now!













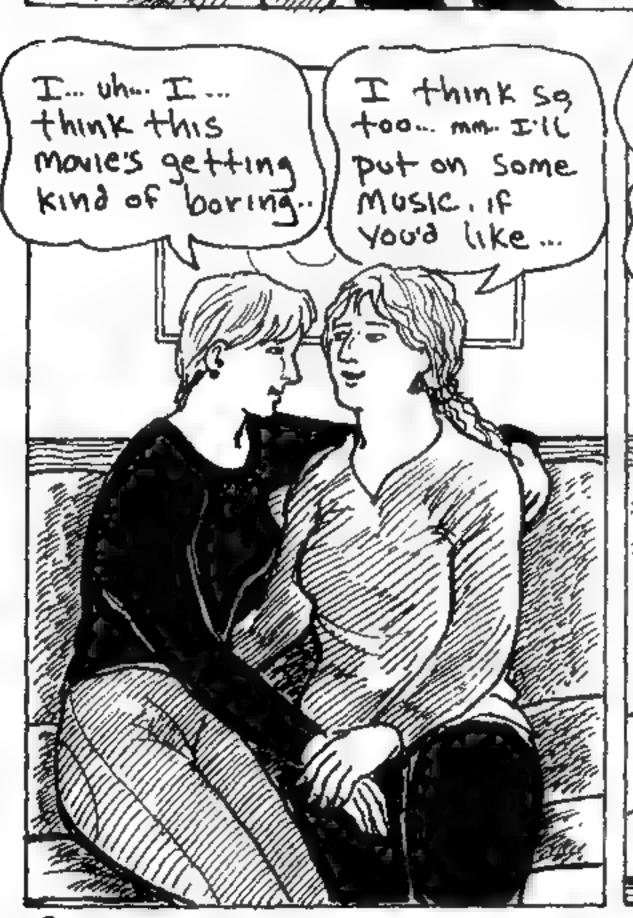
HAHAHA

..heh

: Smort

AHAH

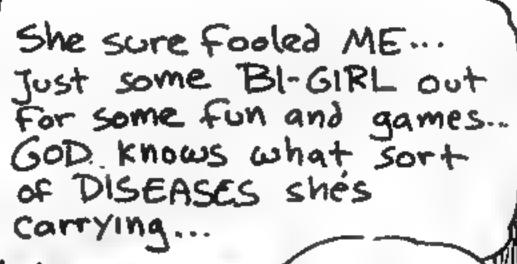
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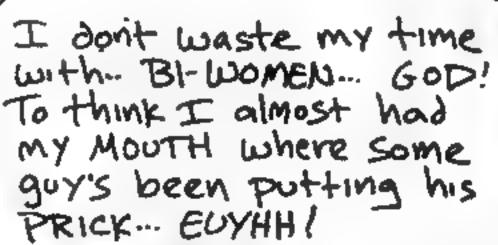




Tim going to have to get GOING...

Thanks for DINNER...
It's been FUN!

TISH...NO! Wait...
It'S NOT like
YOU THINK... It
Was LOUSY with
Bill... HONEST!
It was part of
the reason I
Wanted to Move!





The minute some Guy came along, you'd just DUMP me ...



-. but it's Your choice... Go to Your MEN ...

Just don't string along any more Lesbians.. OKAY?

NO. TISh...

JOAT THINK

That ... I

... LIKE YOU...

I... LIKE YOU

a.. LOT!

Then, for ME ... promise from now on that you'll tell all your potential girlfriends that you REALLY prefer MEN!



She's GONE!

It all seemed so PERFECT!

... Maybe I should have just
LIED about Bill... the JERK!

... He's screwin' up my life
STILL! But.. I WANTED
to be honest with her...
Thought she'd accept that!

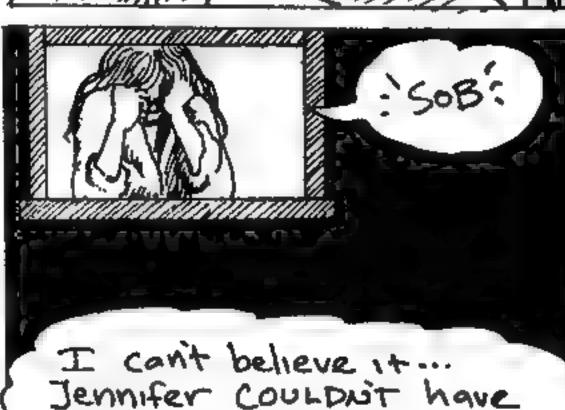
I hope ALL the women in this town aren't going to be like her... Guess I'm not Politically COPRECT enough ...



Someone's got some Music on... It's so BEAUTIFUL... an' so SAD- sounding... how SPECIAL that someone Put it on Just now...

From DOWNSTAIRS ... KEUIN'S Place ...





Jennifer Couldn't have given me a fake number... Maybe she was just so... Moved by...





So, here's the complete story...

The script for number four...

and some of the boards I've
been working on... Just be

REAL careful...

Oh. I WILL You have some of my originals ..



TRUSTING, arent I?: sight Just keep thinking about Jennifer. an' it looks like I'm on MITCH'S shit list now, so no chance of HIM giving me her number... Don't even know her last NAME: sight. Don't FEEL Like drawing...



Denise IS a pretty
good writer. that last
story was REALLY good...
She doesn't seem that
sensitive in real life...
Least this is keeping my
mind off of Jennifer...

Looks like some of these Pages are out of order ...



Where'd THIS page come From? It's Switched to First Person Singular... and It's got a Centaur... and OH MY GOD...

Talk about VIVID IMAGERY ...!



Typical Comic-book stuff...
This drawings kind of amateurish,
but, at least it's been keeping
me from thinking about Tish...



This later stoff looks a Lot better ... guess an artist has to take the time to warm up and get loose and let the ol' Creative Juices Flow ...



this was ... THAT KIND OF COMIC ...



norse-girl and the sheepgirl are going at each other. Jeez! Are ALL guys into this sorta shit?



Denise certainly has a ... uh ... COLORFUL imagination ...

Come on ... that's not PHYSICALLY Possible, is it?

Kind of fun to try to DRAW ...



Running out of boards...
I can use the back of thatone I drew me an'... uh...
Captain Matthew an fillycia...



I must have mixed it in with the boards I gave DENISE!



Awful darn QUIET up there...
Usually she's typing away
this time of the evening...
Wonder if she got to
that BOARD yet? Is she
going to be pissed off
when she DOES...



Course, you never know...

What if she LIKES it?

Wonder if women get

turned on by this sort of

Stuff and they just get

all self-righteously

indignant 'cause they

don't want to ADMIT it...



As far as I know. She's NEVER had any guys over... She's Home almost every night... She's not the sort of girl men go CHASING-after... wonder when the last time was that SHE had any?

Yeah ... like I should talk ...



It's NOT like she's UGLY or anything... a BIT overweight, but it works better on women... Makes em curvier...
... bigger breasts...



Wonder what she's thinking...

- Maybe I made her

all hot and bothered...

- Wonder what she Does...

If she... Uses anything
Bet it's not as good

as the real thing...



She could be sitting here right now. I could reach right up and be touching her breasts.

She'd be wanting me REAL bad ...



Bet it would be really nice with her... SHIT! IT READ what she wrote... It'd probably be GREAT! AND, she's smart! We might even have something to TALK about afterwards! And... She's RIGHT UPSTAIRS! I could get up Now....

90 UPSTAIRS...



Yeah. RIGHT... like she'd be interested in ME...

She'd probably... oh. hell,
I need to get up early,
anyhow... start penciling
that new chapter...



Your basic phallocentric male approach to sex...
Wonder if he wanted to Freak me out with this stuff... awful Trusting of him to loan me these original boards...
Tust like I loaned HIM...

DON'T TELL ME ... SHIT!

I hope I didn't give
him that ... ONE page!

Maybe I LOST It
-- It sure isn't HERE ---



Wonder if he's got it down there -- probably Jerking off to it right NOW! Guess it's only fair... I've got THIS... Wonder if I was REALLY Meant to see this?



... and, look at the GUY
in these drawings.. looks
like he's turning into KEUIN
right before my eyes...

... IF THIS ISN'T a case of WISHFUL DRAWING...



Probably Never been laid in his LIFE... No WONDER!

Jeez. arent I a bitch

to be thinking that...

He DOES seem.. awkwand around Me... YEAH....

Like I'M such a Not babe or whatever...

Maybe some girl was MEAN to him --



It's not FAIR! HE
Probably Feels pretty
Shifty about himself,
Too... He's RIGHT
BELOW Me... probably
Normy as HELL, too...

Heid probably DIE for the chance to be up here right NOW ...



He seems pretty okay for a guy... Some pretty primitive notions about SEX... but I guess I d have to EXPECT that... Why would I be having all those FANTASIES IF I wasn't INTO guys...? ... Maybe TISH picked up on something...

Suppose Kevin wouldn't be all that bad ... maybe it



Here I go AGAIN...

IDEALIZING! Maybe he's just a JERK! Probably doesn't WASH... Maybe he's a real WEIRDO... Probably can't get it UP unless it's some FANTASY babe with huge boobs an'spite heels...





Go ahead..., KNOCK! Maybe he's not in ... -- JUST KNOCK!



OH .- um .. here YOU go, KEUIN ... THANKS! IT was... um .pretty 600D-

OH, YOU CAN KEEP the Comics-I have EXTRA ... -- um ... if you .. WANT ...

And I'm done with



OH ... uh .. THANKS ... So .. Nere's your art. I'm sure you want to get RIGHT back to work on it...

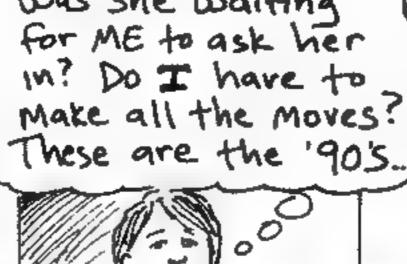
> Uhh .. I'm not THAT busy right now -

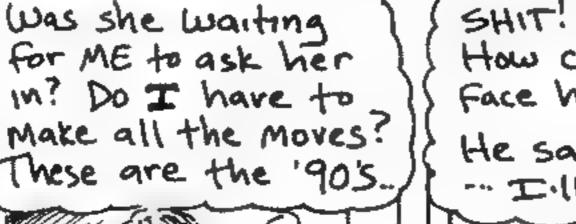
OH -- um -- well -whh guess

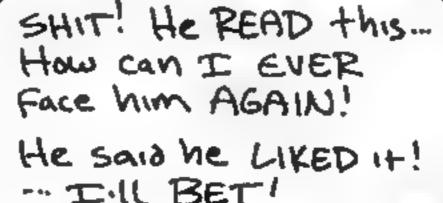
I... uh ... UHH- YEAH --.. See you --



SHIT! That was my big chance to SAY Something and I BLEW IT! STUPID! STUPID! STUPID!







YUP .. here it is ... and she wasn't offended ... MYBE ... It's hard to TELL with girls ...









UH ... I was Just leaving ...

have things

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to 30 ...

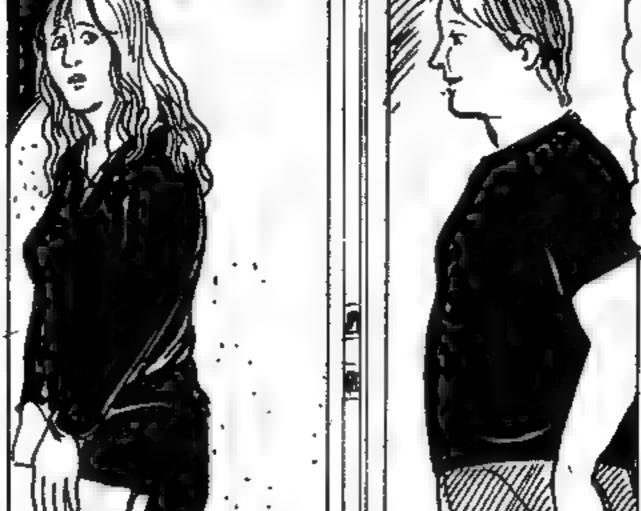
Been taking Your TIME about it ...

Oh you don't

want to - um --

come visit a bit?

OHMYGOD! He's asking me IN! I know what he's thinking ... I'M thinking it too and JUST LAST NIGHT ... TOO WEIRD! No. I don't Do casual sex! But ... We're NEIGHBORS! Not like I'll never SEE him again -- is that going to be GOOD or BAD? But - I don't EVEN KNOW NIM ... I KNOW SOME things ABOUT him ... nothing BAD .. and .. WHEN will I get another CHANCE? He's a GUY --- Maybe I WONT Fall in love with him. Wonder IF I EVEN LIKE him ..













This is Awful... Maybe I ought to 60... No.. I'd HATE myself if I DID...
I GUESS! I Know my face is flushing something Awful and he's Just... SHIT!
I thought Guys made the first move- probably doesn't know what to DO... probably never had a girl in his LIFE ...

Is she waiting for ME?

SHIT, what if she thinks

I'm too pushy or Macho...

Course, from what she
wrote, it sounds like thats
what she LIKES... never can

TELL with women like her.

Hope she can't tell I'm
starting to get HARD... or...

Maybe I should hope she CAN!

Poor guy... people ALWAYS think that about Fat, ugly guys...

I can be such a BITCH!

INCREDIBLE how much shit

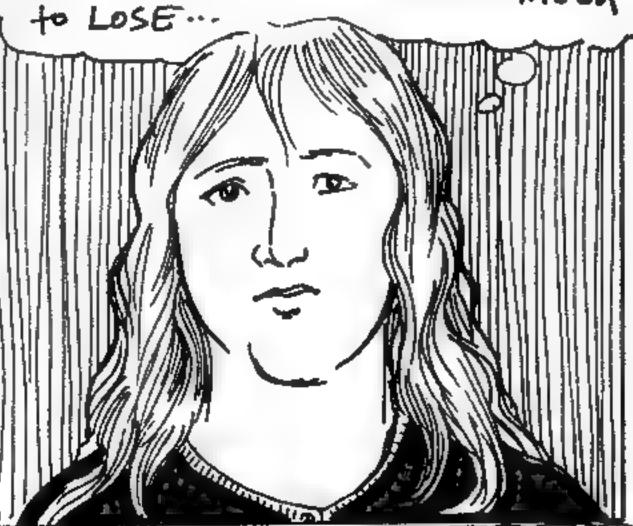
People go through just to express themselves physically...

Not like FANTASY, where it all just HAPPENS... we Botth want this... why can't we just to Lose...

Do it... Not like there's much to Lose...







Mevin ... we
BOTH Want

It, Jon't we?
No ... Let's get
right Jown
to ... No! ...

people Just-give each other the EYE, and the next scene they're Doing- it...

no graceful look
way to back I
out Now ... lik
oh-what the hell...

Denise-you look so .. No! I sure would like to ... No! I'm sure he's not carrying anything... I'm premenstrual, so there's less chance of a nasty accident..., c'mon, guy... RELAX c'mon, guy... RELAX

so, THIS is how it happens...
It just HAPPENS!
wonder why it seems like.
Such a big
problem...







Wonder when I'm supposed to take off her bra? JENNIFER DID IT before... Should I let HER do it? Women seem to get MAD so easy. Don't want to BLOW It ... Bet She likes THIS!

YUCK-guys are ALWAYS Such Sloppy Kissers ... Bet he's never. Oh. come on Devise be KIND!

YUCK! CON

MIND IF I get ?

Lets slide on

Past Kissing

and give him

something.

to GROPE !

Hey, this is coming along FINE! Guess I should take Something off Now ...

Uh YES .. I Mean No. uh.

Nothing terribly romantic about Yanking a T-SHIRT over your head... SHIT! This one's that real TIGHT one I always have trouble with. But, If I take my PANTS off she might think I'm Just whippin' my Dick out too fast and get MAD ...

NOW what's wrong? Shit - Maybe this 15 a stupid idea ...





I quess it's

You've been

enjoying

Yourself

Ah, SCREW thinking about 14-115 TIGHT here just WAITING For Me

Maybe I AM being a slut. I'm not INTO casual Sex. ooh .. NICE!

Yeah ... MY OWN characters NEVER worry about shit. They just REVEL in the glory of eager bodies ... Bathe their hot flesh in

No need to worry about being big enough THIS time and I don't even HAVE to think about Fillyera...

I've been safe to say enjoying you ... wh .. IMMENSELY ..







Doesn't look as bad with his clothes off as I THOUGHT ... kinda reminds me of Shirley ...

This IS ... HAPPENING ... it's really happening ...

Its .. STILL happening ...



So... like what you SEE?

Sure I might not SHOW It as obviously as you ... of course... uh... do-. YOU like wh ... what You see...?

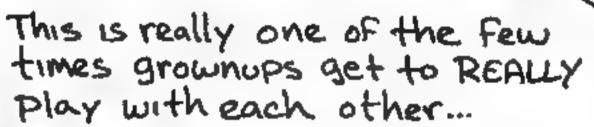












It! I show you mine if YOU Show ME YOURS !...



Why, CERTAINLY... what I asked Here 4' 90 ... her to do? Go ahead ... } YOU SURE? It doesn't BITE!

EASY, NOW ... C'Mon. have a TASTE of what You're Soon gonna be buried up to Your BALLS IW ...

Guess she expects meto LICK It ... guess It's only FAIR ...

you sure do have a way with WORDS ...



Hope this 15 RIGHT ...

Tastes better IF I add some of MY SPIT 14.

MMM ... HIGHER HIGHER ... UM ... Yes... uhh ... SMELL!.. LICK ... get AROUSED, YOU BEAST! -.. ahhh...



Well. that wasn't Too bad for a rank amateur...

met a labia I didn't

I'M GUD. takes a Little getting Oh. I donno... USED FO ... I've never Like...

: P+00 ?

DENISE - UHL. YOU MEAN YOU Like gir... uh. - WOMEN ---- 400 ?

HOLY. SHIT.

Like I Said, there's not a whole lot of DIFFERENCE --Though, as long as there 15, we might as well take full ADVANTAGE of It.







GUESS!

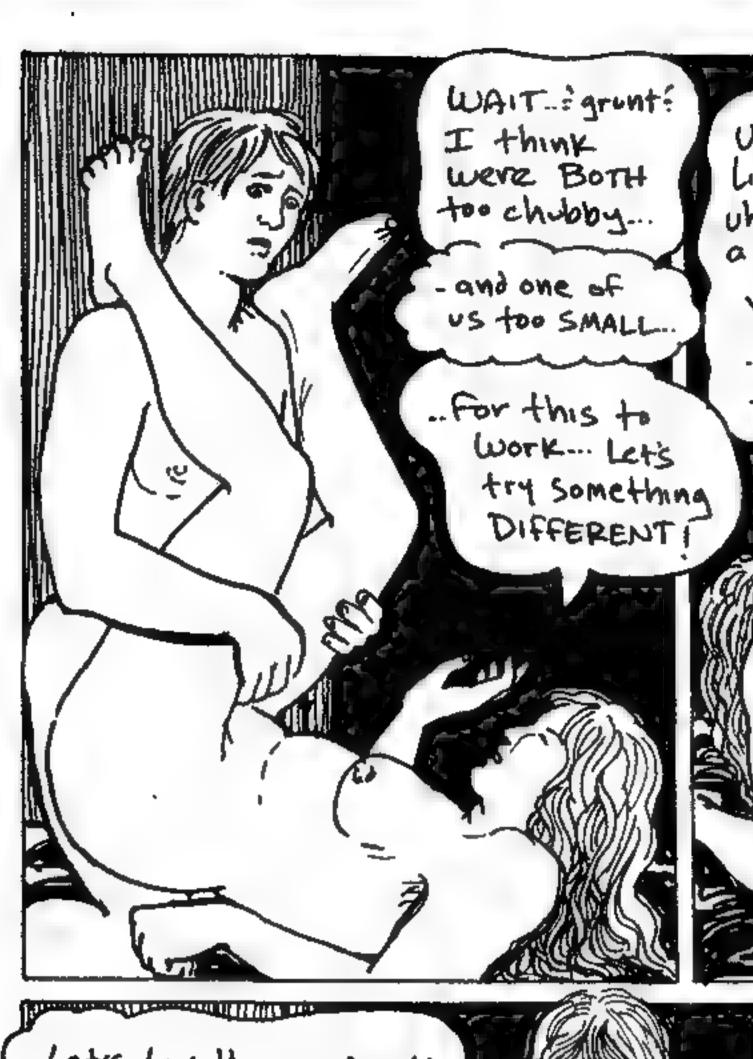
DENISE ...

uh you have

SUCH a way

of PUTTING

things!







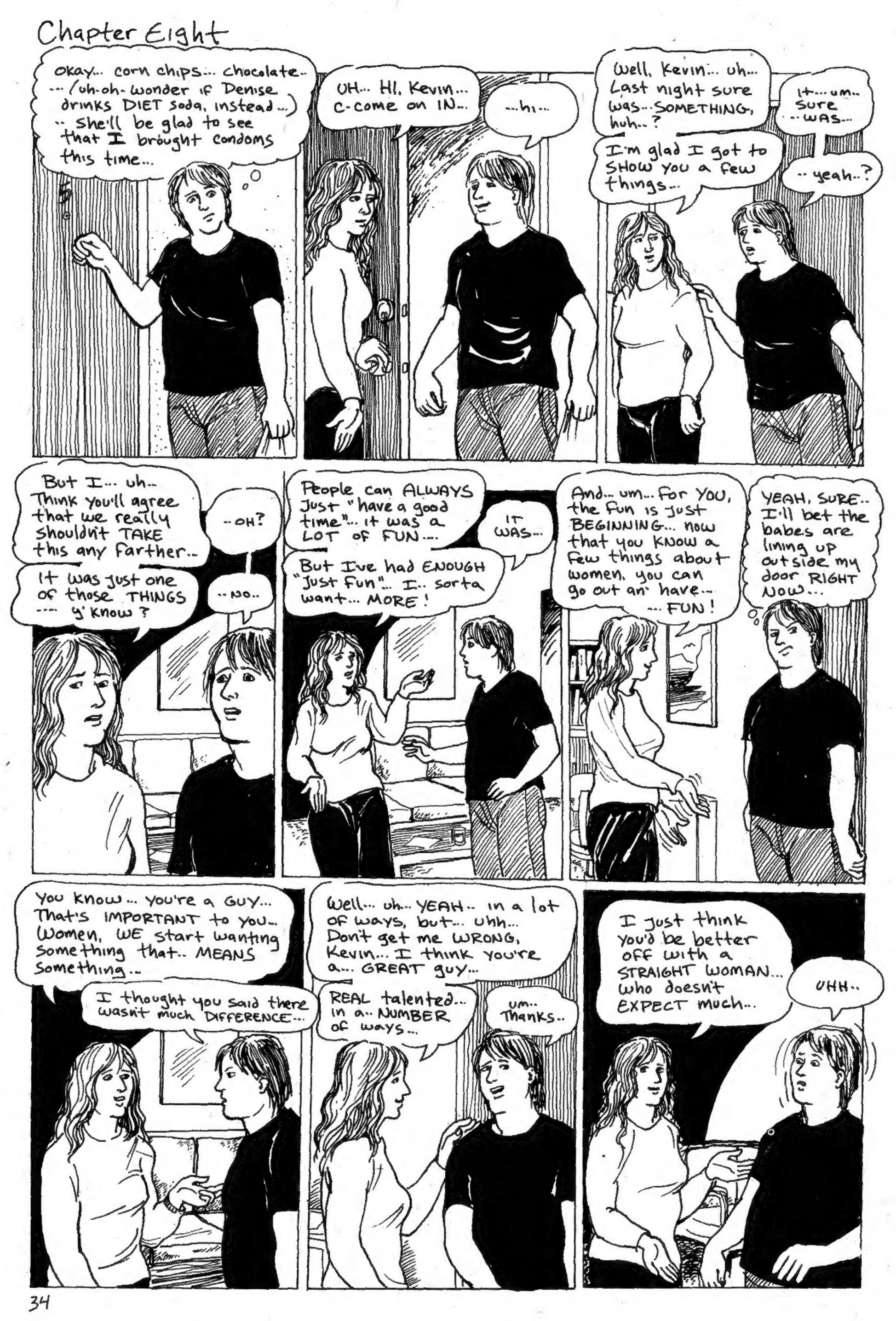












Guess I've been SPOILED ... Women really Do have more IN COMMON .. WE UNDERSTAND each other... I'm just grateful that I'm able to really... CHOOSE who (

to be with!

SWELL! I've turned her completely off men now ...



And. You don't want a woman who's always going to be ... WONDERING ... whh ...

Gee, IVE been doing all the talking... how do you feel about this ?

I don't KNOW ... NOW Can I ... COMPETE WITH This



I ... um - think you're PROBABLY right ...

Shit. SURE you are .. Women are ALWAYS Fuckin' RIGHT! They've got this ALL
Figured out ...







I'm glad we were able to ... Discuss this ... what a RELIEF! NOW I CAN get some work done ...

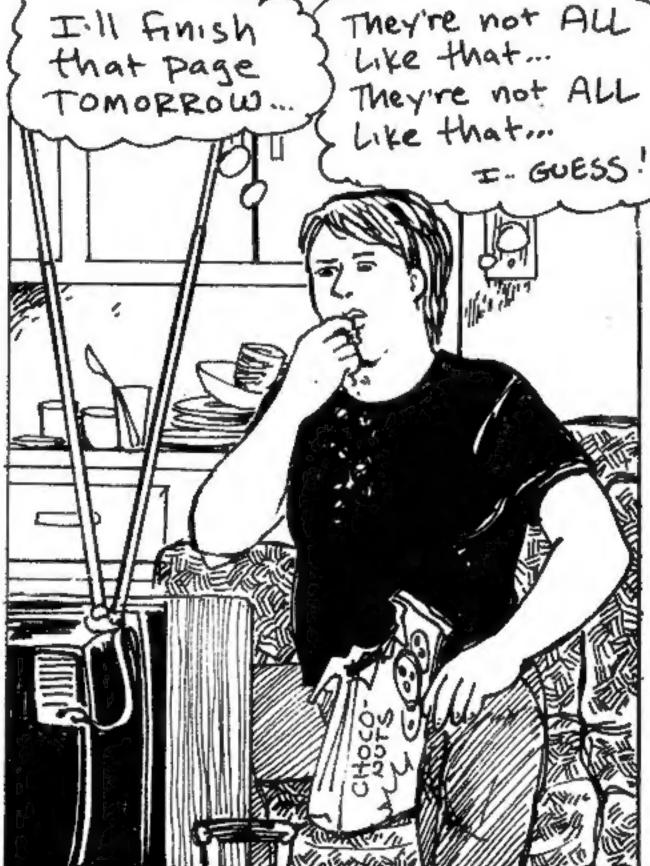


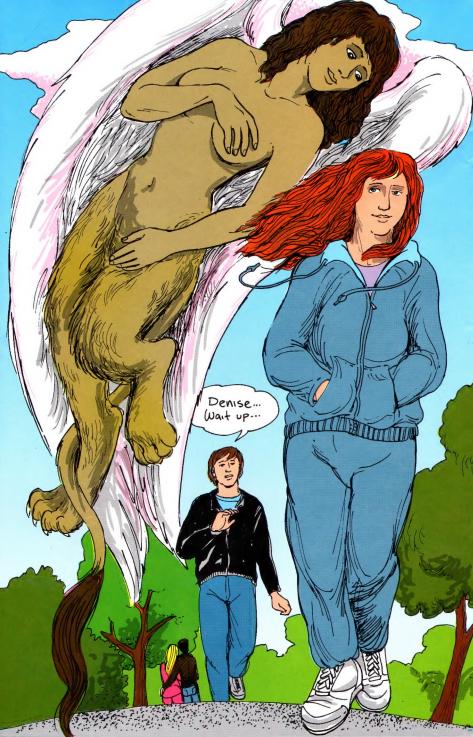
Maybe I SHOULDN'T have said that ... : sigh ?

I'll make up some excuse to drop by ... see now he's taking this ...









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